

THIS IS WHY WE'RE HERE...

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The families pictured below represent the primary reason we find ourselves in a remote corner of Cameroon - to support the growth of the Fulbe church through felt needs ministry. These are the individuals who we hope to provide with hands-on training and teachings that will enhance their lives and families materially while they continue to grow in their faith through the discipling efforts of our colleagues.

This is an exciting time in the development of this indigenous church. Just before Easter, the new worship "bukkaaru" was opened as the new location for regular services. The mural in the background represents the

Creation story, the fall of man and the redemptive work of Christ as it wraps around the circular bukkarru. With this new location also came a more formal recognition of church leaders as a next step towards forming a culturally-relevant yet biblically-appropriate Fulbe church. It has been a privilege to assist and work alongside these families as they "take the reigns" of their own unique church.

To understand the importance of what we are doing today we must look forward to the image of the future described for us in the Book of Revelations where

"every nation, tribe, people and language" are represented as they stand in worship of God (Rev. 7:9). A period of history has been left open for us to participate in the restoration of God's Kingdom and redemption of his people. We have an active role to play in this because this plan has been revealed to us. Not only that, but Christians have been commanded by Christ to go to the nations with the Good News that He died for our sins and offers all peoples of every tongue and tribe eternal life through belief in Him.



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The Northington Newsletter

The Top Three...

Prayer Requests—Pray the Lord will provide...

A couple/family to take our place for 1-2 yrs during our next return State-side to continue ministry work

A good crop from our community farm to help support the Fulbe store and youth hostel

Multiplication of the Fulbe church

Prayers Answered—Thank the Lord for...

Continued growth of the Fulbe church, its leadership and opportunities

Arrival of the rains as the water situation has become desperate throughout the region

Continued good health of our family despite the many illnesses around us

Ministry Needs:

- Additional sponsors for water projects, including hand dug & drilled wells, gravity flow systems and expansion of existing systems
- A robust, mobile drill rig (DeepRock Hydradrill 700 Model)

SPECIAL THANKS... goes to all you folks who have sent us care packages the last few months and are in the process of preparing more. We're loving the two-way radios, M&M's and Chloe's new clothes!

WISHING KILLER BEES WEREN'T SO KILLER!

Over 20 liters of honey and many bee stings later (actually, only a few), the first harvest of our Banyo honey was considered a tasty success. Our beekeeping efforts are but another small-scale project we have begun to help the Fulbe believers support themselves and their families through the production of a much sought after product. Our method (i.e. the Kenya Top Bar hive, or KTB hive) is unique to the region and offers much potential for long-term, sustainable and SAFE collection of honey. Combined with the proper protective equipment, this method offers a unique approach



to “farming” bees in small apiaries that is not practiced by the local population, as you may have read in our last newsletter.

Chad has to admit that he was a bit nervous during the first night of collection when we were trying out our new beekeeping suit “prototype”, which was made locally by a tailor in Banyo. Ironically, the only bee stings that were received were on his hands that were supposed to be protected by the beekeeping gloves he had brought from America! A little reinforcement should take care of that problem during the next honey collection in about 4 months.

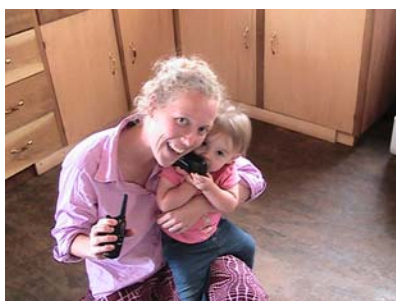


The honey turned out to be of excellent quality and flavor. Many compliments were received on the taste and clarity, so we know it will be in great demand once we begin selling it in the Fulbe store. Start-up funds of about \$600 are still needed to purchase the initial inventory of items that will be needed to stock the store, called “Kanti Jam” (i.e. “The Good Store”). If you are interested in helping with this Christian-business project, please contact us via e-mail for more details.



WE LOVE CARE PACKAGES!

Perhaps you dread going to the mailbox, where nothing but bills and junk mail await. However, for us here in Cameroon, the trip to the post office is always much anticipated. We receive neither bills nor junk mail and have been blessed by many of you the last few months by a steady arrival of packages full of small delights for our family ranging from spices to clothing to JB Weld to 2-way



radios! Having a bag of peanut M&M’s may seem like a simple pleasure, but absence certainly makes the heart grow fonder. We just want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed in this way and those of you who continue to ask what would make life a little easier for us and fits in a USPS priority box. If you would like to support us in this way, please e-mail us directly for a list of requests.

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Thank you for partnering with us!

BEES, TREES, FOWLS & FARM



You may recall from our last newsletter that things were underway for the creation of a small Fulbe farm co-operative consisting primarily of “bees, trees, fowls and farm.” We are happy to report that things are progressing well now that the rains have arrived. Our garden plot was

completed yesterday and will offer an abundance of unique vegetables that typically are imported from the next region over. It is our hope that we can demonstrate that these crops can be successfully grown here if enough care and nutrients are put into working the soil. Using raised beds, diversification of crops and lots of cow manure already sets our farming method apart from a lot of the local farmers, who typically only grow 2-4 “staple” crops on the same land year after year. We feel the best way to introduce new ideas like “green” manuring, crop rotation and raised beds is through example, so please pray for a successful harvest in a few months.



in transport due to heat exhaustion. Their replacements, although younger and smaller, have been doing well the last few weeks in their new home. We hope to see egg production in a few months from this laying variety. Our approach in this area is also



We overcame our recent setback fowl setback last month when we lost 25 chickens

(continued from above)

to the region in that we actually confine our chickens to a single space and feed them rather than allowing them to wander in search of food. All the local chickens are free ranging “bush” varieties that offer a low input means of raising fowl but little to no egg production along with the added risks associated with disease and predators. They are regarded more as an investment that can be sold in the market in times of financial need. Our goal, however, is to produce a steady flow of quality eggs to stock the Fulbe store while demonstrating an alternative approach to chicken and egg production.

Our papaya seeds have finally started to germinate in our small-scale tree nursery. We hope to produce a couple hundred trees

to start a small plantation consisting of a small, highly desired variety not grown in this region. One of trees planted during our last term recently bared this fruit, so we are hopeful that the plantation will do well. Likewise, we hope to add to our handful of banana trees with a few more dozen transplants this month. We are still struggling to get the Moringa tree, also known as the “Miracle Tree”, to take off in this region. The tree is well-known throughout the tropics for the incredible nutritional value the leaves offer. We have had limited success with an African variety and hope to introduce it through the Fulbe restaurant that will be part of the store that is to be opened.

“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:9



TIFFANY AND THE LADIES

Tiffany’s ministry efforts lately have focused on providing health education training to the Fulbe women in our community like those pictured to the right. Through these informal training sessions in the home or church, she is able to provide valuable information on relevant subjects like malaria prevention/treatment, family planning and nutrition.

It’s always interesting to learn the “myths”

associated with these aspects of African living. For example, we recently learned that many of the Fulbe believe that malaria can be contracted through the eating of mangos or drinking of too much milk! Such long-held beliefs are a reminder of why this sort of education is so important. Lives can be saved and health protected through outreach to families that have lacked the opportunity to have this knowledge shared.



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*Reaching the Unreached one need
at a time...*

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide for the material, spiritual, and social needs of those who need it most through sustainable, transformational development. The Gospel is the source of lasting transformation and offers a plan for a holistic and integrated approach to community development and world change.



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CROSS-CULTURAL CORNER...

As you can see from the picture below, “norms” really are. Take for instance the we, too, have an Easter bunny in Cameroon. Actually, this is the pet rabbit of one of our colleagues. I’ve been trying to convince her for months that he would make a much better meal than a pet, but, alas, he remains domesticated and fat in his spacious cage. However, his presence did make for a nice addition to our Easter celebration.

Sometimes it is only when you step outside of your cultural norms that you find just how very abnormal your cultural



Easter Bunny. I can’t say I personally know the history of how this icon entered the Easter picture, but I can say that no other holiday should be so important to the Christian as that which represents the resurrection of our risen Savior. Don’t get me wrong, I love Easter egg hunts and baskets, but some things are downright bizarre when taken out of the cultural context in which they were conceived.

But don’t worry, we haven’t abandoned all our American Easter traditions. Painted eggs and bunnies still found their way into our day, and we did have a few cravings for chocolate covered eggs. We were never quite successful in explaining why the Easter bunny was a part of that tradition, but it made for some interesting cross-cultural conversation. I should probably start doing some research on Santa Clause and pilgrims before the next major holidays!

